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**In re application of:**

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**Application No.** 10/735,317

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**For:** FAST-FIT COUPLING FOR  
CONNECTING APPLIANCES FORMING  
PART OF A MEDICAL OR SURGICAL  
HANDPIECE SYSTEM TO A SUPPLY  
HOSE

**Examiner:** James M. Hewitt

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**RESPONSE TO MARCH 23, 2006, NOTICE  
AND AMENDMENT**

This responds to the March 23, 2006, Notice alleging that the December 21, 2005, Amendment is non-responsive.

As understood from the Notice, none of the specification, claims or drawing amendments in the December 21, 2005, Amendment were entered, so the majority of these amendments have been re-presented together with additional amendments responsive to the Notice.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 5.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 13, and include the attached replacement sheets.

**Remarks** begin on page 14.